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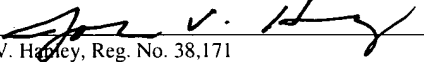
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Dear Sir:

The captioned application is a divisional under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of U.S. Serial No. 10/267,338, filed October 9, 2002. Before action, please amend the captioned application as follows: